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COUNTY RECEIVES \$400,000 JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER GRANT

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that the county has received a \$400,000 grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to advance the construction of a Juvenile Justice Center, and complete program development and schematic design for the proposed facility.

"Building the Juvenile Justice Center is imperative to helping our young offenders get the services they need to rehabilitate their lives and improve the outlook for their futures," said Doyle. "Together, we can hold kids accountable and help them turn their lives around."

The Juvenile Justice Center would provide Monroe County youth with court, detention, placement, transition and aftercare services all located in and operated by Monroe County. The project is designed to reduce the recidivism rate by providing youth who enter the juvenile justice system with an uninterrupted chain of services from the point of arrest to successful reintegration into the community.

Currently, counties in New York State provide custody and care to youth who are held in detention while their cases are being decided by the courts. If pronounced a delinquent, youth may be removed to a state or privately operated facility where they lose physical contact with their family, teachers, counselors and place of worship.

To date, Monroe County has made more than fifty presentations detailing the project and strategy to reduce juvenile crime for the academic, legal, and faith communities, as well as for law enforcement officials, juvenile justice professionals, crime victims, human service providers, and local citizens.

The grant is contingent upon acceptance by the Monroe County Legislature.

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